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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

MASANOBU HOKASE

Application No.: 09/581,758

Filed: June 16, 2000

For: METHODS FOR PREVENTING
AND TREATING MASTITIS

Examiner: Michael V. Meller

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AMENDMENT AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Applicants petition to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated July 26, 2002 to January 26, 2003. A check in the amount of \$930.00 for payment of the extension fee is enclosed. Please charge any additional fee required for the extension, and credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account 06-1205.

In response to the Office Action dated July 26, 2002 (Paper No. 15), please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 1 and 9 to read as follows. A marked-up copy of these claims, showing the changes made thereto, is attached.

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1. (Twice Amended) A method for treating mastitis in a ruminant that suffers from mastitis, which comprises administering a therapeutically effective amount of phytase to said ruminant.

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